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Letter dated 6 December 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith information bulletins from the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic for the period 2-5 December 2016 (see annex).

I should be grateful if the text of this letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 6 December 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (2 December 2016)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, reconciliation agreements have been signed with representatives of six populated areas in Ladhiqiyah governorate (2), Hama governorate (2), Damascus governorate (1) and Homs governorate (1).

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 1,018.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with field commanders of illegal armed groups in Damascus governorate and armed opposition units in Homs, Hama, Aleppo and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 88.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Over the past 24 hours, there were 37 reports of shelling by illegal armed groups in Aleppo governorate (19), Damascus governorate (16) and Dar'a governorate (2).

In Damascus governorate, armed units affiliated with the Army of Islam opposition group used mortars and small arms to fire on Jawbar, Qabun, Mathanat al-Husayniyah, Hawsh al-Faddaliyah and Harasta.

In Aleppo governorate, armed elements of Ahrar al-Sham used mortars to shell the Shaykh Khidr neighbourhood.

Units of the Syrian Free Army group used mortars to shell the Ansari and Salah al-Din neighbourhoods in Aleppo governorate.

In Aleppo governorate, the terrorist groups Jabhat Fath al-Sham (Nusrah Front) and Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) used mortars, handheld anti-tank grenade launchers and small arms to fire on Ansari and also on the Binyamin, Layramun, Salihin, Shaykh Sa'd (three times), Karm al-Nahhas, Karm al-Jazmati, 1070, Amri and Jam'iyat al-Fayha' neighbourhoods, the Castello trade centre, the Assad Military Academy (twice) and the area near the paperboard factory in Aleppo city.

In Damascus governorate, the following were shelled: Hawsh Kharabu (twice), Irbin (four times), Hawsh Nasri (twice), Bilaliyah and Duma, a sports ground in Jawbar and the Wafidin camp.

In Dar'a governorate, terrorists shelled Dilli and Khirbat al-Ghazalah.

The Russian and Syrian air forces did not carry out any strikes against opposition armed groups which had announced that they would cease hostilities and had informed the Russian or American reconciliation centres of their location.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours two humanitarian operations were carried out, during which the following humanitarian cargoes were delivered to civilians:

- Approximately 4 tons to the Hananu-3 district in Aleppo city and the Mahalij camp for refugees of Aleppo governorate
- Approximately 1 ton to the Saydnaya district of Damascus governorate

Centres providing hot meals and supplying urgent necessities are continuing to operate for civilians who leave districts of Aleppo city that are under the control of illegal armed groups.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (3 December 2016)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, two ceasefire regime agreements have been signed with populated areas in Ladhiqiyah governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 1,020.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with field commanders of illegal armed groups in Damascus governorate and armed opposition units in Homs, Hama, Aleppo and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 88.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Over the past 24 hours, there were 38 reports of shelling by armed groups in Aleppo governorate (19), Damascus governorate (16), Ladhiqiyah governorate (1), Qunaytirah governorate (1) and Hama governorate (1).

In Damascus governorate, armed units affiliated with the Army of Islam opposition group used mortars and small arms to fire on Jawbar, Harasta, Mathanat al-Husayniyah and Hawsh al-Faddaliyah.

Armed elements of Ahrar al-Sham used multiple-launch rocket systems to fire on Azizi in Aleppo governorate; and mortars to shell government troop positions near Abu Ali mountain in Ladhiqiyah governorate.

Units of the Syrian Free Army group used mortars to shell the Ansari neighbourhood in Aleppo governorate.

In Aleppo governorate, the terrorist groups Jabhat Fath al-Sham (Nusrah Front) and Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) used multiple-launch rocket systems, tube artillery, mortars, handheld anti-tank grenade launchers and small arms to fire on Ansari and also on the Binyamin (twice), Layramun, Shaykh Sa'd (twice), Karm al-Jazmati, 1070, Jam'iyat al-Fayha' (twice), Dahiyat al-Assad and Karm al-Nahhas (twice) neighbourhoods, the Assad Military Academy and areas near the paperboard factory, the gasworks and the former military school in Aleppo city.

In Damascus governorate, the following were shelled: Hawsh Kharabu, Irbin (four times), Hawsh Nasri (twice) and Bilaliyah, the Wafidin camp, and a sports ground (twice) and an electric power station in Jawbar.

Terrorists shelled Durin in Qunaytirah governorate; and Suran in Hama governorate.

The Russian and Syrian air forces did not carry out any strikes against opposition armed groups which had announced that they would cease hostilities and had informed the Russian or American reconciliation centres of their location.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours one humanitarian operation was carried out in a district of Aleppo city, during which approximately 1.5 tons of humanitarian cargoes were delivered to civilians.

Centres providing hot meals and supplying urgent necessities are continuing to operate for civilians who leave districts of Aleppo city that are under the control of illegal armed groups.

Additional information

Over the past 24 hours, 10 fighters have left besieged areas of eastern Aleppo with the assistance of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (4 December 2016)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, two ceasefire regime agreements have been signed with populated areas in Ladhiqiyah governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 1,022.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with field commanders of armed groups in Damascus governorate and armed opposition units in Homs, Hama, Aleppo and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 88.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Over the past 24 hours, there were 36 reports of shelling by illegal armed groups in Aleppo governorate (17), Damascus governorate (14), Hama governorate (2), Ladhiqiyah governorate (2) and Qunaytirah governorate (1).

In Damascus governorate, armed units affiliated with the Army of Islam opposition group used mortars and small arms to fire on Jawbar, Bilaliyah and Harasta.

Armed elements of Ahrar al-Sham used small arms to fire on Kinnsibba in Ladhiqiyah governorate.

Units of the Syrian Free Army group used "hellfire" multiple-launch rocket systems to fire on the Salah al-Din neighbourhood in Aleppo city and on Mortlu in Ladhiqiyah governorate.

In Aleppo governorate, the terrorist groups Jabhat Fath al-Sham (Nusrah Front) and Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) used multiple-launch rocket systems, tube artillery, mortars, handheld anti-tank grenade launchers and small arms to fire on Shurfah and Ansari, and also on the Shaykh Sa'd, Tariq al-Bab, 1070, Aquil, Ashrafiyah, Dahiyat al-Assad, Jam'iyat al-Fayha' and Minyan neighbourhoods, the Castello trade centre, the Assad Military Academy and areas near the paperboard factory and the former military school in Aleppo city.

In Damascus governorate, the following were shelled: Hawsh Nasri, Irbin, Qasimiyah, the Wafidin camp in Duma, and a sports ground and an electric power station in Jawbar.

In Hama governorate, terrorists shelled Suran and the thermal electric power station in Muhradah.

In Qunaytirah governorate, Hadar was shelled.

The Russian and Syrian air forces did not carry out any strikes against opposition armed groups which had announced that they would cease hostilities and had informed the Russian or American reconciliation centres of their location.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

One humanitarian operation was carried out in Aleppo governorate at a temporary accommodation facility for civilians from Jibrin, during which approximately 9.5 tons of humanitarian cargoes were delivered to civilians.

Centres providing hot meals and supplying urgent necessities are continuing to operate for civilians who leave districts of Aleppo city that are under the control of illegal armed groups.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (5 December 2016)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, four ceasefire regime agreements have been signed with populated areas in Ladhiqiyah governorate (3) and Damascus governorate (1).

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 1,026.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with field commanders of armed groups in Mu'addamiyat al-Shaykh in Damascus governorate and armed opposition units in Homs, Hama, Aleppo and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 88.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Over the past 24 hours, there were 41 reports of shelling by armed groups in Aleppo governorate (18), Damascus governorate (18), Dar'a governorate (3), Hama governorate (1) and Qunaytirah governorate (1).

In Damascus governorate, units affiliated with the Army of Islam opposition group used mortars and small arms to fire on Jawbar, Qabun, Qassa', Bilaliyah and Harasta, and on the area near the Abbasiyin stadium.

In Aleppo governorate, armed elements of Ahrar al-Sham used multiple-launch rocket systems and mortars to shell the Shaykh Khidr and Salihin neighbourhoods in Aleppo city.

In Aleppo governorate, the terrorist group Jabhat Fath al-Sham (Nusrah Front) used multiple-launch rocket systems, tube artillery, mortars, handheld anti-tank grenade launchers and small arms to fire on Ansari and also on the Karm al-Qatirji (twice), Minyan, Dahiyat al-Assad, Shaykh Sa'd, Turbat Lala (twice), Aquil, Binyamin, Ashrafiyah and Layramun neighbourhoods, the Castello trade centre, the Assad Military Academy, the Hikmah School and the area near the paperboard factory in Aleppo city.

In Damascus governorate, the following were shelled: Hawsh Nasri (twice), Irbin (three times), Qasimiyah, Jawbar (twice) and Hawsh Kharabu, a sports ground in Jawbar (twice) and the Wafidin camp in Duma.

Terrorists shelled Suran in Hama governorate; Hadar in Qunaytirah governorate; and Izra' and Dar'a (twice) in Dar'a governorate.

The Russian and Syrian air forces did not carry out any strikes against opposition armed groups which had announced that they would cease hostilities and had informed the Russian or American reconciliation centres of their location.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours two humanitarian operations were carried out, during which the following humanitarian cargoes were delivered to civilians:

- Approximately 1.5 tons to the Mahalij temporary housing area in Aleppo governorate
- Approximately 1 ton to Ayn al-Tinah Mahalij in Damascus governorate

Centres providing hot meals and supplying urgent necessities are continuing to operate for civilians who leave districts of Aleppo city that are under the control of illegal armed groups.

Over the past 24 hours, 214 civilians, including 104 children (eight of whom infants), and seven fighters who had laid down their weapons, have left besieged areas of eastern Aleppo with the assistance of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides.

Additional information

From 12.21 a.m. until 12.30 a.m., fighters shelled a mobile hospital medical centre of the Ministry of Defence in Aleppo while civilians were being admitted.

One Russian female military paramedic was killed by a direct hit from a mortar shell on the hospital's admission unit. Two medical workers were seriously injured. A severely injured Russian female military paramedic subsequently died of her wounds. Civilians visiting the hospital for doctors' appointments were also injured.